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Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise for two purposes this morning. One, certainly is to echo the sentiments with regard to the importance of the legislative process in the state of Nebraska that were expressed by the new Speaker in his nomination speech. And the other thing perhaps to echo the sentiments of the new Chair of Committee on Committees and be thankful that the elections are held before the office assignments are made. With that in mind, I would pledge to you again continuing carrying out of the policies as established by the Executive Board in the same manner, which I hope is fair and impartial, that you've seen the last several years. With that in mind then, I would place my name in nomination as Chair of Executive Board of Legislative Council. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Madam Chairman, I move to cease nominations and declare a unanimous ballot be cast by acclamation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion before you is to declare Senator Coordsen the Chair of the Executive Board by acclamation. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Congratulations, Senator Coordsen, you are the new Executive Board Chair. The Chair recognizes Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President, members of the body, I move to proceed to the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion before you is to proceed to the election. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Motion carries. Chair recognizes Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you. And I might also mention to the Lieutenant Governor, thank you very much for your service and for the time that you've spent with this body in directing us. I wish you well and do appreciate your service. (Applause.)